THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NAM AZAD): (a) to (d) At the meeting taken by the Union Minister of Parlia mentary Affairs and *Food&* Civil Supplies one 1. 2-1986 at Patna, it ' was, *inter alia,* decided that in order to make the functioning of the-Public Distribution System in Bihar more effective, more godowns for storing foodgrains would be constructed-in Bihar, adequate stocks oiafoodgrains would be maintained supplies of food-grains to Bihar woud be stepped up. and additional financial assistance would be given to the Government of Bihar for the purchase of mobile vans. Steps have already been taken to im plement the above decisions. The Cehrtal Government' is -already sup plying to Bihar seven essential com modities on a regular. basis. At times, State Governments including Bihar are not lifting the supplies of these essential commodities due to various reasons. However, the Central Government has been from time to time impressing upon the State Governments, including' the Government of Bihar to strengthen and streamline the, Public Distribu tion* System in the State considering that the overall effectiveness of the Public Distribution depends to a. great extent on the extent of linkages at the . State/District/Block/Village levels for storing, transportation and distribution of essential commodities.

Foodgrains Stock .

764. SHRI FRAMOD MAHAJAN: WilKthe' Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES. be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total buffer stock of foodgrains in the country; ';

(b) what is the total cost of this StOCk -_

(c) what is the cost of storage of this stock per annum;,

(d) whether Governii^ent propose to dispose of this stock by giving food-grains to the people living below poverty line at concessional rates; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL, SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); *(a* and (bl Total stocks of wheat and rice available with the Food Corporation of India and the States on Central Account as on Feb-rurary 28,. 1987 and their cost are as under:

(Qty. in lakh tonnes Value in Rs, crores)

' /Wheat		Rice	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
111. 01	2246-62	88. 05	2285. 43

(c) The average quantity of buffet stocks to be maintained during 1987-88 is expecte^ to be 55. 78 lakh tonnes and its carrying cost is estimated •£*o* be Rs. 415. 78 crores including transit and sfbrage losses.

(d) and (e) The stocks are being utilised for public distribution system, rural employment programmes, sup plies of foodgrains at specially subsi dised Prices to the people in Integrat ed Tribatypevelopment Project areas "and the tribal majority States/Union Territories, Nutrition Programme foi young children, pregnant women and nursing mothers.

बिहार में पशुओं की नस्ल में सुधार

765. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव . क्या कृषि मंत्री 27 फरवरी, 1987 को राज्य सभा में अताराकित प्रश्न 398 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि,:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि .बिहार में न तो सरकार द्वारा कोई पशु परि-योजना अनुसंधान केन्द्र चलाया जा रहा